allotment of distributorship to cooperative societies of 'Governmenl|Government's. Local Bodies' j_s under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH); (a) The present system of allotting LPG destributorships o_n lh_e basis of selection made by Oil Selection Boards was introduced jn 1983.

(b) No, Sir. However, specific complaints, received are looked int_0 and appropriate action taken.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No such proposal is presently under the consideration of the Government.

Installation of community biogas plants

72. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are t'ne incentives offered by Government for th_e installation $_0$f community biogas plants;

(b) what is the quantity of cooking ga_s produced pe^r day and what is the number of house-holds that are catered to by such a plant; and

(c) what is the approximate quantity af firewood kerosene or coal thai is saved by tne installation of such a biogas plant?

THE MINISTER OP ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE (a) Government provide.? full capital cost f°r installing community biogas $plant_s$ where sufficient dung is available, if land i_s made available free of cost and socio-economic $factor_s$ are favourable. Recurring expenditure towards the initial running period of 6—12 months is aKo being provided by th_e Government.

(b) and (c) The size of community biogas plant $varie_s$ from site to sit_e and depends ofi availability of feed material. One plant of 85 cu.m gas gen<! per day would require about 2.25 tonnes of feed malerial-dung-daily and can $_c$ater to the cooking requirement of about 45—55 families. This plant would result in daily saving of about 300 Kg. of fire wood or about 50 litres of kero-ene or about 135 Kg. of coal.

Installed capacity of electricity in the North, West South and Eastern regions

73. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present installed capacity of Electricity in the Northern. Western, Southern and Eastern regions and what would be the position of installed capacity after the completion of the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) whether Government feel that something special is required to be done to improve the power position of Eastern region which is the main centre of coal and steel production?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The present installed capacity and that at the end of the Seventh Plan in the four Regions is given below-:

Region	Installed Capacity (MW)	
	At present	At the end of the Seventh Plan
Northern	12353·52	18490·02
Western	14293·00	19462·50
Southern	11658·23	15828·48
Eastern	7355·25	9665·85

(b) A number of measures 'have already been initiated to reduce the gap between demand and supply in the various Regions in the country including the eastern region.